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LB 341A

CLERK: Senator Vickers would move to amend. Senator, this is amendment 2604.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: This amendment is not printed in the Journal, however, it is very similar to the one that I did have printed in the Journal and it is similar...it is practically the same amendment that I offered on 1126 the other day. As Senator Lamb indicated, this would lower the A bill from \$50 million to \$25 million but it would do it in a more flexible manner. It puts it in in three different segments, 10, 10 and 5. And the purpose for that is that it would give the Governor the opportunity if he chooses to sign 1126 with the \$25 million that we have got in there for state aid and then if he chooses to line-item 341A, then it would give us the opportunity as a Legislature to determine if we wanted to spend any additional amounts over the \$25 million in \$10 million segments or \$5 million segment. In other words, we could then have the flexibility of determining if we wanted to add to the school equalization and foundation portions, and this is divided fifty-fifty, the same as it is in 1126, if we would wish to increase that amount to either \$30 million, \$35 million, or any portion thereof on up to the \$50 million. Now as I indicated in my closing on 341, and I think property taxes are a real problem in this state, and I think the additional dollars to state aid to education is an appropriate place to try to address that property tax problem. I also believe that this Legislature needs to be as flexible as we possibly can. That was the reason I offer this amendment to reduce the \$50 million in 341 as it is right now, 341A, to \$25 million and put it in those three segments that I talked about. I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You heard the motion. All those in favor of the amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the Vickers amendment to LB 341A. If you are here and care to vote please do so otherwise we are headed for a Call of the House. Record, Mr. Clerk. Senator Vickers.